

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, April 17, 1917

Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck, Nova Scotia. 1917 April 17 Mrs Alexander Graham Bell (afl 16) received 1331 Connecticut Avenue your note of April 9! AGB Washington DC Dear Mabel:—

I had to finish my letter yesterday rather hurriedly in order to catch the mail to Baddeck.

Spent the whole day yesterday (Monday Apl 16th) on board the Houseboat "Get-Away."

Have already started some thoughts for development although Mr Baldwin and I have not yet had any Laboratory Conferences.

Why not develop my ideas concerning the utilization of waste heat for the benefit of the poor fellows in the Trenches. I know from past experiments that even the heat given off by a candle can be utilized and I have no doubt that some arrangement, in a dug-out or trench whereby a constant supply of hot water could be provided might be of considerable comfort. I am going to try a sort of cosey made of asbestos paper on a wire frame to be placed over a candle or lamp and see how much heat we can get from it and whether it will be of any use. This is not at all the sort of work I expected to start with but it is something I can do myself. Try the heating effect of a candle.

Your loving Alec.